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Exempt stock and assets

Hi Mike.

If the transaction involves a foreign seller of stock of a foreign entity ("FE"), stock of a US entity and some foreign assets. If FE does not have assets in the US or aggregate sales in or into the US or over \$53.1 million (after Friday \$56.7 million) that part of the transaction would be exempt under 802.51 - right?

If the assets are all foreign assets and they do not have sales in or into the US or over \$53.1 million (after Friday \$56.7 million) that part of the transaction would be exempt under 802.51 - right?

The US entity would be reportable assuming it meets the size-of-person test. I am pretty clear on the sale of the FE, but not 100% on the foreign assets. I would appreciate any guidance. Many thanks

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